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The NSS Program builds on the experience of the CERT[®] Coordination Center, established in 1988, to coordinate communication among experts during computer security emergencies and help prevent future security incidents. The primary goals of the NSS Program are to ensure that appropriate technology and systems management practices are used to resist attacks on networked systems and to limit damage and ensure continuity of critical services in spite of successful attacks, accidents, or failures.

Ms. Vargas is co-author of *Improving Software Acquisition Skills in Sustainment Organizations* (CMU/SEI-98-SR-005), *Standard Systems Group (SSG) Technology Adoption Planning Workshop* (CMU/SEI-2004-SR-003), *Lessons Learned on the Use of the Process Change Methodology at the Department of State IIP/ECA-IT*, and *Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V) and Gap Analysis of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Incident Management Capability*.